

**Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20554**

In the Matter of)	
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Amendment of Part 97 of the Commission's)	
Amateur Radio Service Rules to Eliminate)	RM - 10786
Morse Code Proficiency Testing Requirements)	
For All Classes of Amateur Licenses)	
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To: The Commission)	

Comments Of Eugene Pentecost, W4IMT

I was first licensed, as W4IMT, almost sixty years ago. Amateur radio was responsible for my interest in technology and I went on to earn Bachelors, two Masters, and a Ph.D. My career in both the military and consumer electronics industry was very successful. My last job before retirement was as Vice President, Microelectronics Development Center for a major, technology oriented company. I also served six years on the USAF Scientific Advisory Board.

I fully support this petition. Because the treaty requirement has been lifted, there is really only one issue: Is Morse code ability a RELEVANT admission requirement for all amateur radio privileges? I say no. I could easily recite several capabilities that might be more applicable, but I am sure you have heard them. Most, if not all, commercial and government agencies have stopped using Morse code, but I need not repeat them. But neither are the issues here.

Amateurs at all economic and ability levels have embraced the union of simple computers, software and transceivers to implement digital modes that far surpass CW in reliability and efficient spectrum utilization. CW is just not REQUIRED to meet all the obligations we amateur operators assume when we are granted a license.

Further, there has been much past rhetoric on this issue. I urge you to cut short the discussion as promptly as the law allows and act favorably on this petition.

Respectfully submitted,

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